

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Rick Ripley, on January 31, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Eileen Rose, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
Katie Butcher for Christie Messer, Committee Secretary  
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Subjects Addressed:	DNRC Decision Packets, HB2
Executive Action:	None

**Meeting with the Department of Natural Resources**

00:00:02 Hearing called to order by Chairman Ripley  
00:00:25 Tom Schultz, Trust Lands Administrator, Department of  
Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(jnh21a01)**

**EXHIBIT(jnh21a02)**

**EXHIBIT(jnh21a03)**

**EXHIBIT(jnh21a04)**

00:30:38 Rep. Witte  
00:30:48 Mr. Schultz  
00:31:06 Rep. Witte  
00:31:15 Mr. Schultz  
00:31:36 Rep. Witte  
00:31:41 Mr. Schultz  
00:31:55 Sen. Tropila  
00:32:15 Mr. Schultz  
00:35:29 Rep. Ripley  
00:35:35 Mr. Schultz  
00:36:05 Rep. Ripley  
00:36:14 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3531-Land Bank Re-Authorization BIEN**

00:39:12 Mr. Schultz  
00:39:16 Sen. Tash  
00:39:36 Mr. Schultz  
00:40:25 Sen. Tash  
00:40:30 Rep. Ripley  
00:40:41 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3534-Access Acquisition BIEN**

00:41:51 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3536-Trust Land Management Operating Adjustment**

00:43:23 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3537-Weed Management Projects**

00:44:49 Mr. Schultz  
00:45:02 Rep. Witte  
00:45:18 Mr. Schultz  
00:45:52 Sen. Hansen  
00:46:28 Mr. Schultz  
00:48:30 Rep. Ripley

00:48:52 Mr. Schultz  
00:50:00 Rep. Ripley  
00:50:04 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3538-Real Estate Management Plan**

00:51:36 Mr. Schultz  
00:52:57 Sen. Tash  
00:53:17 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3544-Phone Systems-Field Offices-OTO/BIEN**

00:54:14 Mr. Schultz  
00:54:20 Rep. Musgrove

**DP 3545-Historic Rights of Way Addition**

00:55:19 Mr. Schultz  
00:56:42 Rep. Witte  
00:56:52 Mr. Schultz  
00:57:35 Rep. Ripley  
00:57:48 Mr. Schultz  
00:57:55 Sen. Tash  
00:58:07 Mr. Schultz  
00:58:50 Sen. Tash  
00:59:22 Rep. Ripley  
00:59:29 Mr. Schultz  
00:59:53 Barbara Smith

**DP 3546-Handheld Field Computer Equipment OTO**

01:01:16 Mr. Schultz  
**EXHIBIT(jnh21a05)**  
01:04:18 Rep. Ripley  
01:04:27 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3547-Navigable River Management**

01:05:36 Mr. Schultz  
01:09:07 Sen. Tash  
01:09:13 Mr. Schultz  
01:10:20 Rep. Musgrove  
01:10:34 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3539-Land Use Specialist**

01:11:37 Mr. Schultz  
**EXHIBIT(jnh21a06)**  
01:16:42 Rep. Ripley  
01:16:52 Mr. Schultz  
01:17:51 Sen. Tash  
01:17:59 Mr. Schultz  
01:18:54 Rep. Ripley  
01:19:20 Ms. Smith  
01:19:49 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3533-Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation and Maintenance**

01:21:52 Mr. Schultz  
01:23:36 Rep. Ripley  
01:23:43 Sen. Hansen  
01:24:10 Mr. Schultz  
01:24:16 Rep. Ripley  
01:24:21 Mr. Schultz  
01:25:11 Rep. Ripley  
01:25:18 Mr. Schultz  
01:25:34 Rep. Ripley  
01:25:41 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3535-Land Exchange Reimbursement**

01:26:43 Mr. Schultz

**DP 3542-Reliance Refinery Remediation**

01:29:17 Mr. Schultz  
01:29:22 Ms. Smith  
01:30:54 Mr. Schultz  
01:31:03 Rep. Ripley  
01:31:50 Mr. Schultz  
01:31:56 Ms. Smith  
01:31:59 Rep. Ripley  
01:32:08 Mr. Schultz  
01:32:20 Rep. Ripley  
01:32:44 Sen. Tash  
01:33:08 Mr. Schultz  
01:33:12 Ms. Smith

**Language Appropriation to Manage MSU-Morrill Grant**

01:34:47 Mr. Schultz

01:35:41 Rep. Witte  
01:36:26 Mr. Schultz  
01:39:09 Rep. Witte  
01:39:32 Mr. Schultz

01:40:12 Break  
01:56:53 Reconvene

01:57:14 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation Resource  
Development Division, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jnh21a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh21a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh21a09\)](#)

**DP 2301-CARDD Operating Adjustment**

02:18:58 Mr. Beck

**DP 2302-Drinking Water Loan Program Assistant**

02:19:59 Mr. Beck

**DP 2306-Regional Water Systems**

02:21:02 Mr. Beck  
02:21:26 Rep. Witte  
02:21:46 Anna Miller, DNRC Financial Management Bureau

**DP 2307-Yellowstone River Council**

02:22:53 Mr. Beck  
02:23:31 Rep. Ripley  
02:23:34 Mr. Beck

**DP 2312-Watershed Grants**

02:24:46 Mr. Beck  
02:24:49 Rep. Musgrove  
02:24:53 Ms. Smith  
02:25:37 Rep. Musgrove  
02:25:42 Ms. Smith

**DP 2303-Irrigation Assistance**

02:27:39 Mr. Beck  
02:27:42 Ms. Smith  
02:28:07 Sen. Tash  
02:29:05 Mr. Beck

**DP 2308-Missouri River Council**

02:30:44 Mr. Beck  
02:31:09 Rep. Ripley  
02:31:13 Ms. Smith

**DP 2311-Conservation District Watershed Position**

02:32:36 Mr. Beck\_\_\_\_\_

**DP 2314-Conservation District Operating-Coal Bed Methane RST**

02:33:32 Mr. Beck

**Language Appropriations: for purchase of prior liens on property,  
to increase state special revenue when EPA CAP funds are  
expended, and for up to \$1 million from Coal Bed Methane  
Protection Account to fund water right holder claims for  
emergency water loss.**

02:34:54 Mr. Beck  
02:35:00 Rep. Ripley  
02:35:04 Mr. Beck  
02:35:20 Ms. Miller  
02:35:23 Rep. Ripley  
02:37:09 Rep. Witte  
02:37:18 Ms. Smith  
02:37:32 Mr. Beck  
02:37:36 Ms. Smith

**DP 2315-State Restoration Coordinator**

02:38:40 Mr. Beck\_\_\_\_\_  
02:40:45 Will Hammerquist, Office of the Lieutenant Governor.  
02:43:24 Rep. Ripley  
02:43:44 Mr. Hammerquist

Film shown by Mr. Hammerquist - 9 minutes  
**[EXHIBIT\(jnh21a10\)](#)**

**PROPONENTS OF FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND THE MISSOURI  
RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

02:59:58 Buzz Mattelin, Montana Association of Conservation  
Districts

03:02:42 John Allen  
03:04:37 Mike Wenlin, Conservation Supervisor for Hill County,  
03:05:59 Jill Lorang, Cascade County Conservation District  
03:07:55 Pete Woll, Supervisor of Flathead Conservation District  
03:09:38 Les Gilman, Range Land Resource Executive Committee  
03:11:21 Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control Association.  
03:13:12 Vicki Marquis, Missouri River Conservation Districts  
Council

**EXHIBIT(jnh21a11)**

03:16:56 Jim Beck, Missouri River Conservation Districts Council  
03:17:38 Don Youngbar, Yellowstone Conservation District Council  
03:19:10 Bob Church, Engineer for the Central Montana Regional  
Water Authority  
03:21:10 Bonn Wille  
03:23:05 Barry Warrum, Choteau County Conservation District  
03:24:03 Bill Edwards, mayor of Roundup  
03:25:10 Nicole McClain, Yellowstone River Conservation District  
Council  
03:26:34 Paul Gilbert, Sweetgrass County Conservation District

**EXHIBIT(jnh21a12)**

03:27:56 Anne Marie Robinson, North Central Regional Water  
Systems  
03:29:05 Dan Keil, Supervisor of Regional Water Authority  
03:29:47 Gary Amistoy, Richland Economic Development Corporation  
03:30:56 Jay Bodner, Montana Association State Grazing Districts  
03:32:44 Sen. Tash  
03:33:23 Rep. Ripley  
03:33:55 Ms. Smith  
03:34:05 Mr. Beck

**EXHIBIT(jnh21a13)**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

03:34:05 Adjournment

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REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary  
for CHRISTIE MESSER

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